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*Officers Section*

## **VCOS Board Telecon Meeting Minutes 8 July 2025**

### **Participants:**

*VCOS Board Members Present:*

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair  
Chief Al Yancey, Vice Chair  
Chief Fred Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer  
Chief Jason Catrambone, International Director  
Chief Shawn Stokes, Director at Large  
Chief Kevin Cooney, Director at Large  
Chief Spencer Cheatham, Director at Large  
Chief Tim Sendelbach, Director at Large

*VCOS Board Members Not Present:*

Chief Jordan Cramer, Director at Large  
Chief Jason Caughey, Director at Large

*IAFC Guests/Staff:*

Kevin McGee, Staff Liaison  
Mikel Robinson, VCOS Staff Support Contractor  
Chief John Buckman III, Education Coordinator

### **Call to Order**

Chief Rich Cowger called the meeting to order at 1404 hrs ET.

### **Approval of June 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

**MOTION: July 8, 2025-01**

**Motion made and seconded to approve the June 10, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Catrambone/Stokes**

### **Chair Report**

Chief Rich Cowger, Chair

Chief Cowger reported that the Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the July 8, 2025 Board meeting agenda in preparation for the Board meeting. Chief

Catrambone discussed a Brazilian fire delegation trip he was invited to participate in that will be discussed during his time.

#### **Vice Chair Report**

Chief Al Yancey

Chief Yancey reported on his attendance at the NVFC conference and meeting with the NVFC Board. Chief Yancey discussed the CTA program with the NVFC Board to great interest expressed by them with feedback that the full program time commitment will be difficult for volunteers. The NVFC Board is interested to partner with the Transition Course as well as interested in further partnerships with VCOS. NVFC will assist in marketing the CTA program.

The Training Officer of the Year Selection Committee made their decision on the recipient and will be notified today.

#### **International Director Report**

Chief Jason Catrambone

Chief Catrambone stated that the IAFC Executive Committee will meet this week.

Chief Catrambone informed the Board that he was invited as a member of a 5 day fire service delegation trip to Brazil. Chief Waldo will be attending. Chief Catrambone will not have IAFC travel cost reimbursement.

#### **MOTION: July 8, 2025-02**

**Motion made and seconded to approve not more than \$2,500 for travel cost reimbursement for Chief Catrambone for his Brazilian Fire Service Delegation costs. Motion carried.**

#### **Windisch/Stokes**

#### **Secretary/Treasurer Report**

Chief Fred Windisch

Chief Windisch reported that he sent the May 2025 financial report by email to the Board. Profits for the 2024 SITS will go into the General Fund in June.

Chief Windisch received a request from Pat Lynch to support additional scholarship winners. Chief Windisch will reply to her that she can support more than the 2 that were agreed to if she also covers the cost of registration.

#### **Chief to Chief**

Chief Tim Sendelbach

Chief Sendelbach provided an update on the C2C task group meeting held in Colorado. Consideration is being given to do a free pilot program. A formal presentation is forthcoming from the committee. Chief Cowger will consider the next step regarding conferring with IAFC.

**Communications Committee**  
Chief Spencer Cheatham

Chief Cheatham informed the Board that Chief Rush has stepped down as the lead for the Newsletter Committee.

**Education Coordinator Report**  
Chief John M Buckman III

Chief Buckman III reported that SUN planning is progressing. He also let the Board know that he will proceed with webinar planning to get back onto the routine schedule. He will also do more education marketing.

**Support Position Report**  
Mikel Robinson

Ms. Robinson reminded Board members to send their travel arrangements to her. She will be meeting with Kevin McGee later today for the next round of FRI planning.

**Staff Liaison Report**  
Kevin McGee

Mr. McGee will send a cancellation for the August 2025 Executive Committee and Board telecon meetings.

**Old Business**

No old business.

**New Business**

No new business.

The telecon ended at 1521 hrs ET.

**Minutes submitted by:**

Mr. Kevin McGee  
VCOS Staff Liaison

Chief Fred Windisch  
Secretary/Treasurer

Chief Rich Cowger  
Chair

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